



Safer Communities Through Successful Youth

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Juveniles released from Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC) facilities between January and March 2010 felt safe, thought their treatment was beneficial and felt prepared to return to their communities. Almost a third said that their facility was not clean, however. A total of 72 ADJC employees were identified as role models, 13 employees were selected as role models by three or more juveniles.

Safety

Almost all said they felt safe or said they did not know anyone who had something stolen by force.

Treatment

Almost all knew their treatment goals, and the vast majority said their medical or dental care was good. Among those asked, the vast majority also said New Freedom helped them control their delinquent actions.

Facility

Approximately one third said their facility was not clean. Meanwhile, they were pleased with their clothing and they said they received a Youth Handbook.

Transition

Almost all felt like their stay successfully prepared them for the “outs” they knew their Parole Officer’s name, saw her/him while in Secure Care or knew how to get in touch with them.

Grievance

About one-third filed a grievance during their stay with ADJC.

A total of 225 juveniles were released¹ from an ADJC Safe School between January and March 2010 and 178 (79%) of them completed Youth Exit Surveys with the assistance of Youth Rights staff². This report presents and compares their opinions to prior release cohorts. Juvenile opinions have been categorized by Safety, Treatment, Facility, Transition and Grievance. This report also lists the names of ADJC staff the juveniles felt were good role models (see page 11).

¹ They were released to Parole or discharged because they turned 18. An additional 19 juveniles were released because of a civil commitment or transfer to adult court jurisdiction, however, they were not provided Youth Exit Surveys.

² Excluding releases from the Eagle Point School which closed in January, there was a 82% Youth Exit Survey return rate for this quarter.

SAFETY

Figure 1: Did you fear for your safety during your stay?

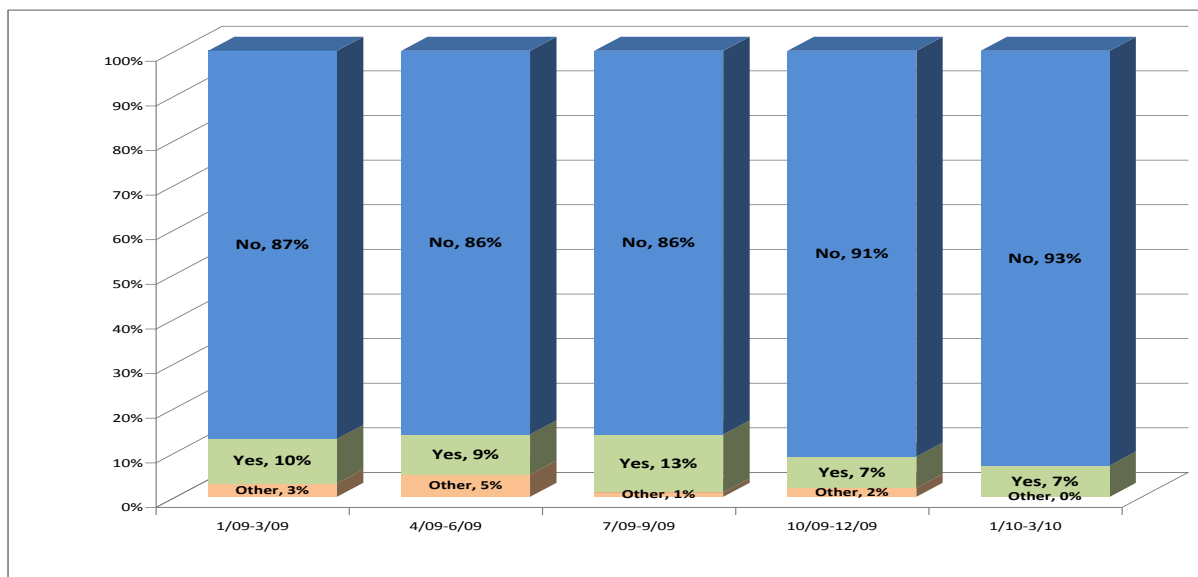
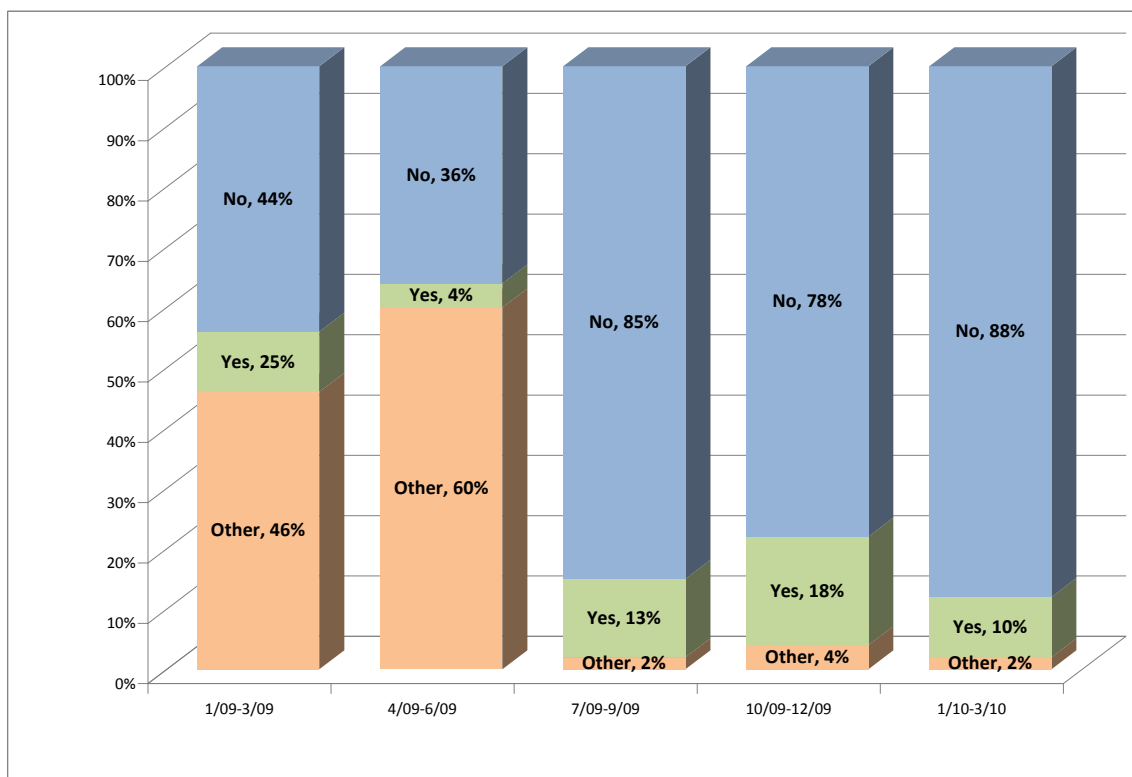


Figure 2: Do you know of anyone who had personal belongings stolen by force?



TREATMENT

Figure 3: Did you know your treatment goals at this facility?

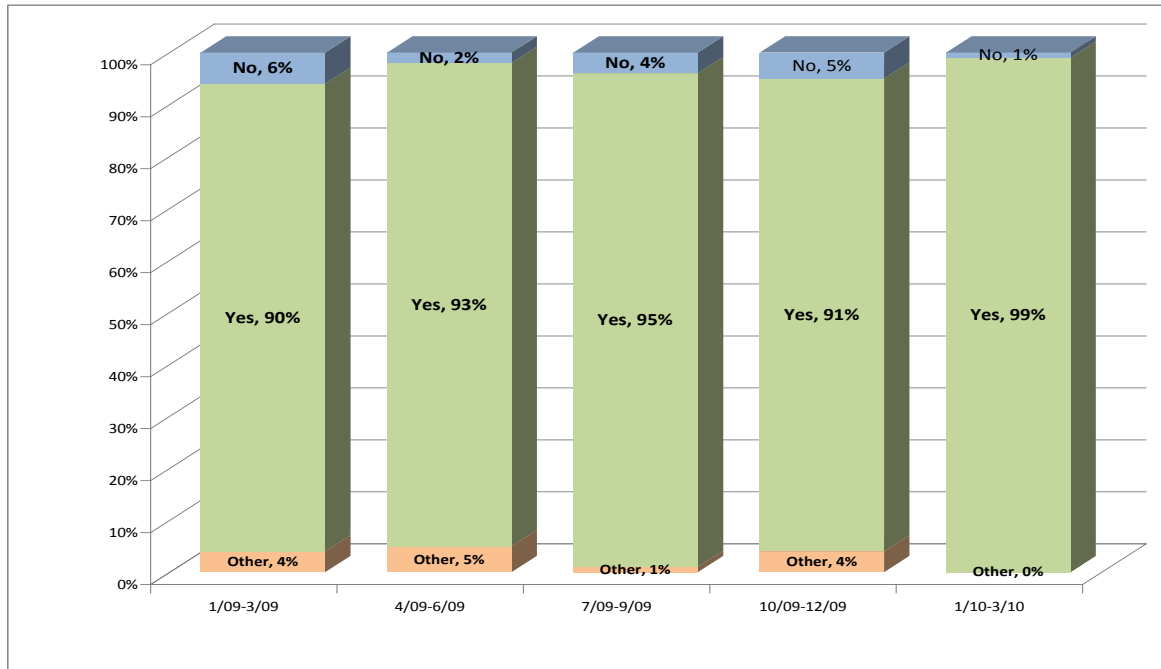


Figure 4: Was the medical care good?

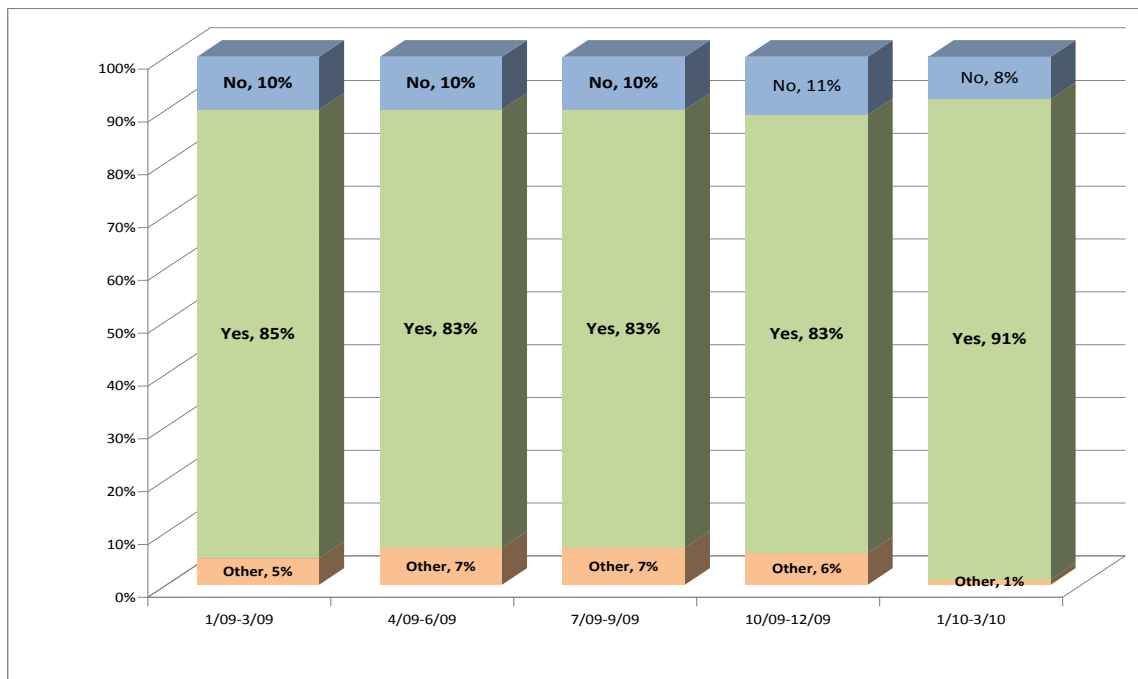


Figure 5: Was the dental care good?

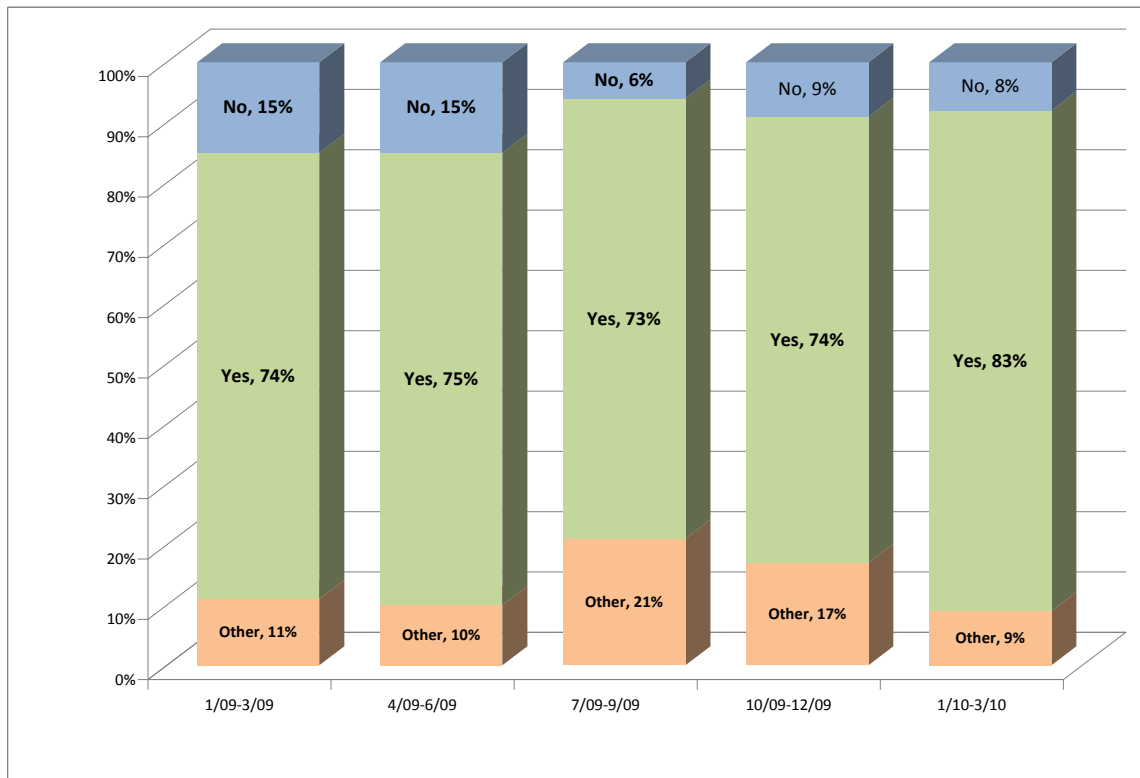
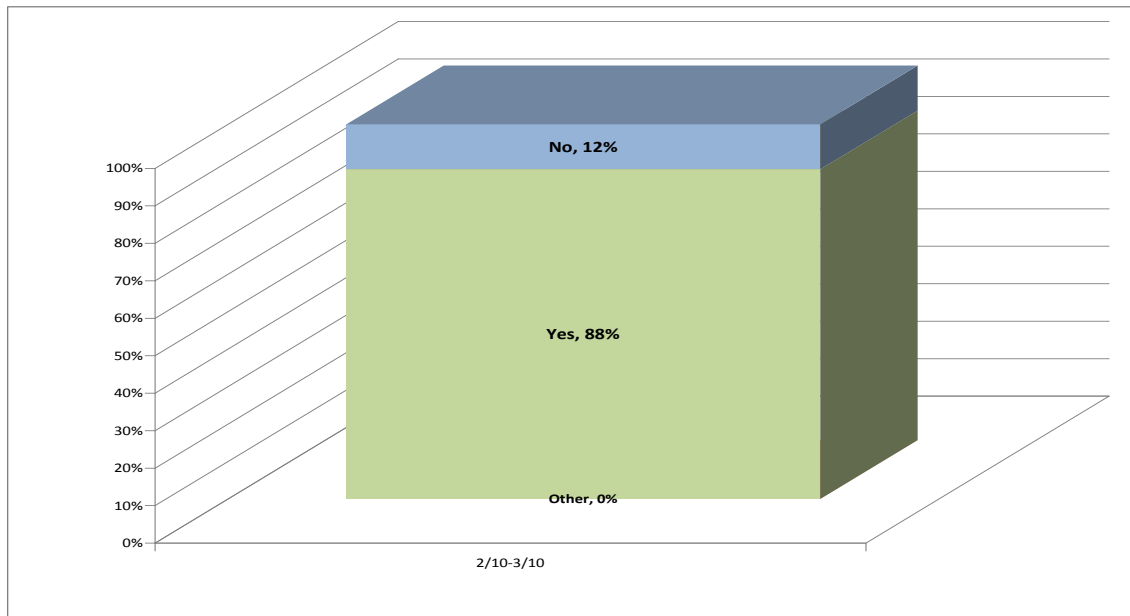


Figure 6: Did New Freedom help you control your delinquent actions³?



³ This question was added recently so the displayed data is for February and March³.

FACILITY

Figure 6: Did you receive a youth handbook during the RAC process?

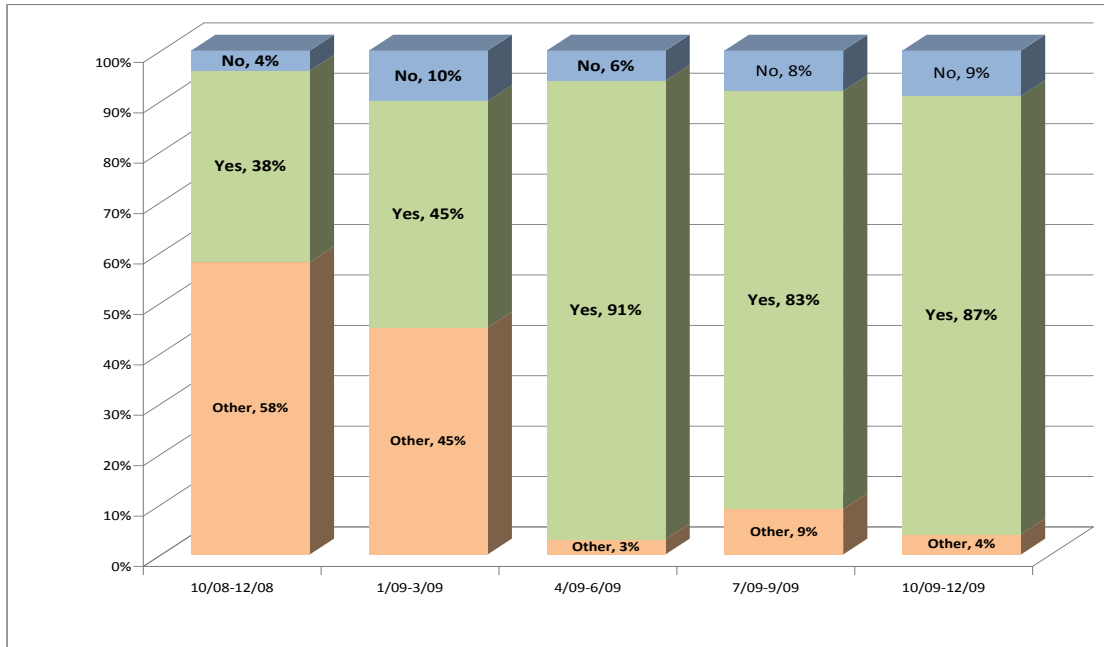


Figure 7: Were you given acceptable clothing?

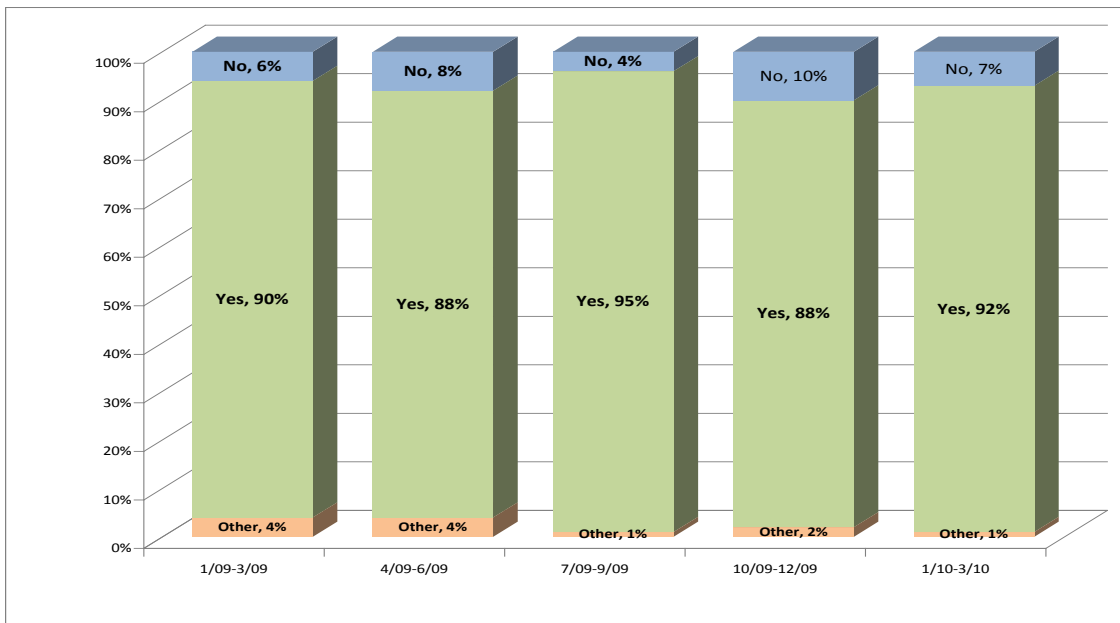
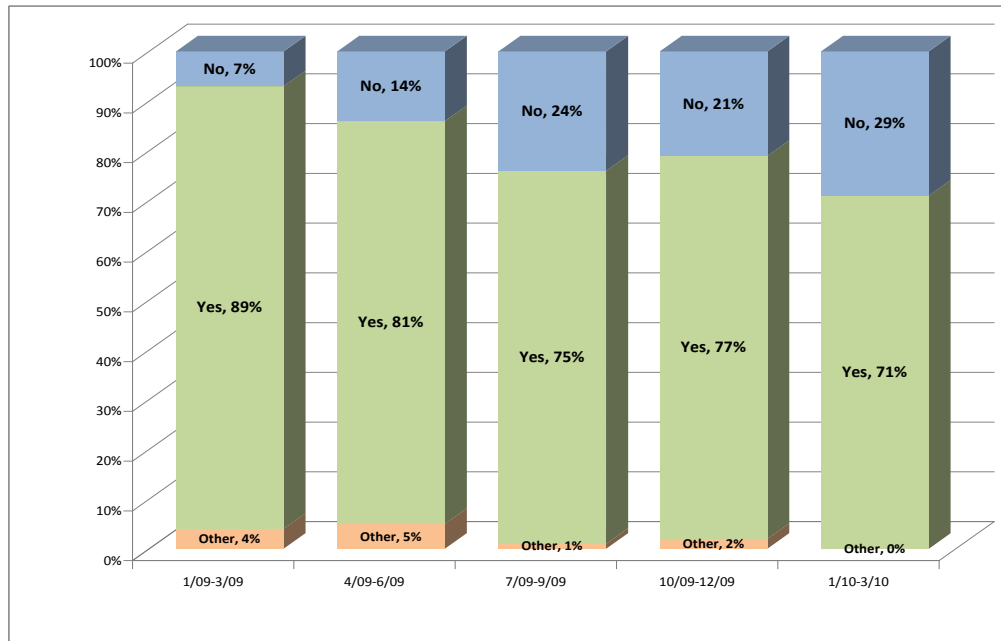


Figure 8: Was the facility clean?



TRANSITION

Figure 9: Do you know your Parole Officer's name?

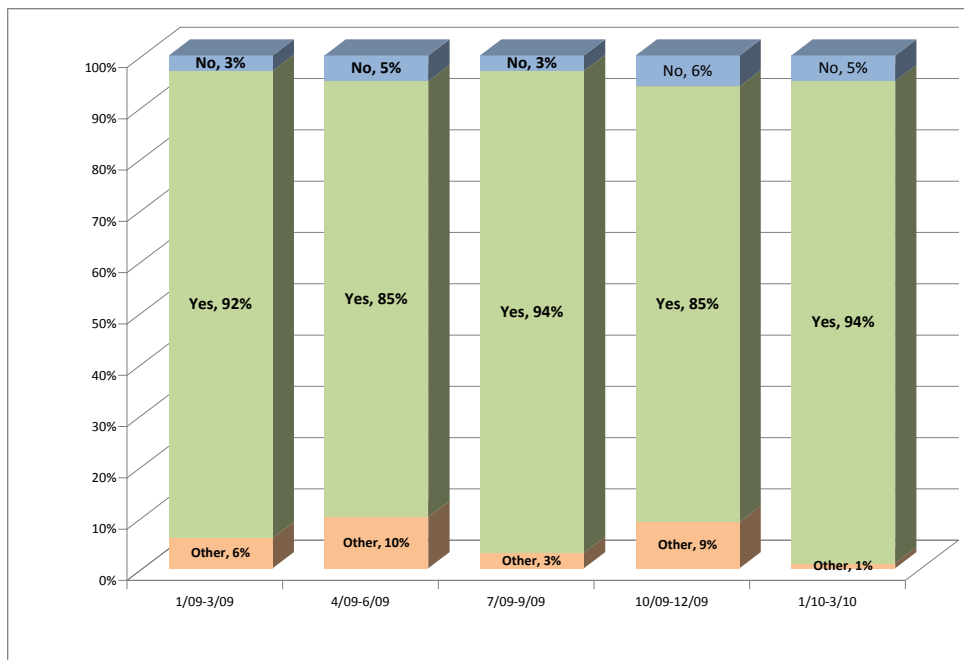


Figure 10: **Have you seen your Parole Officer since you have been here?**

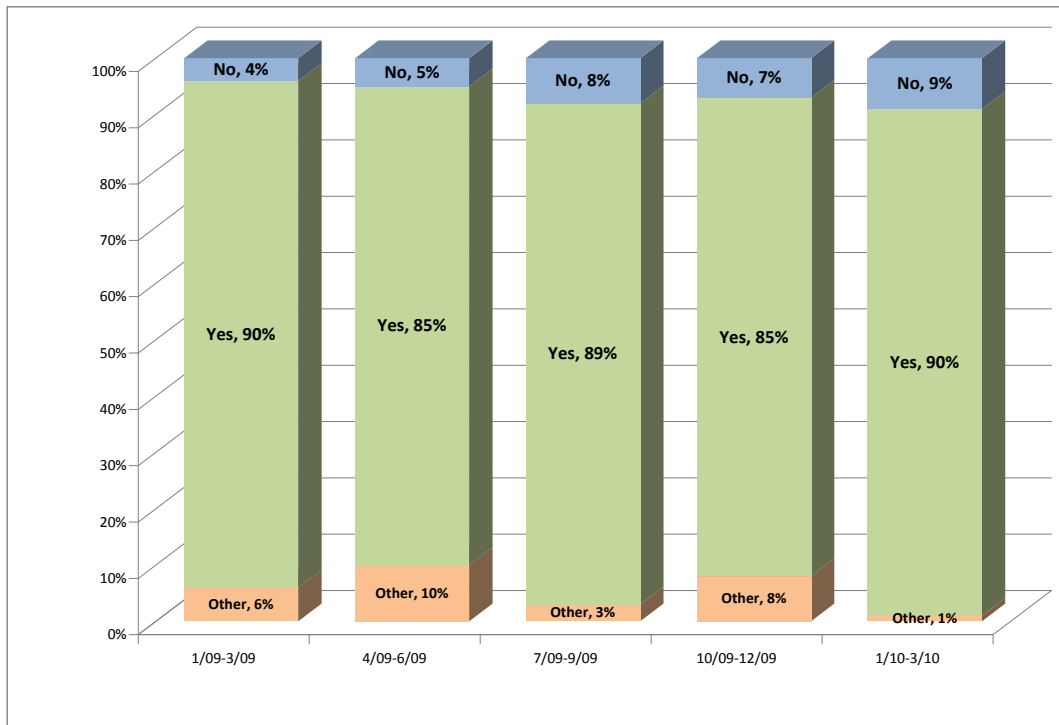


Figure 11: **Do you know how to get in touch with your Parole Officer?**

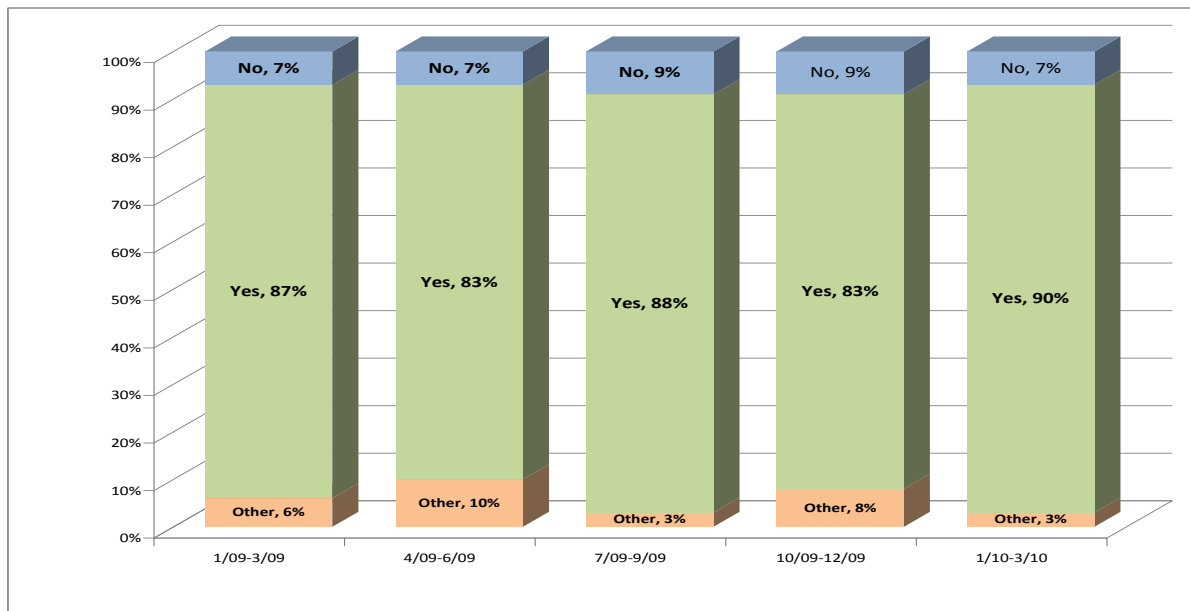
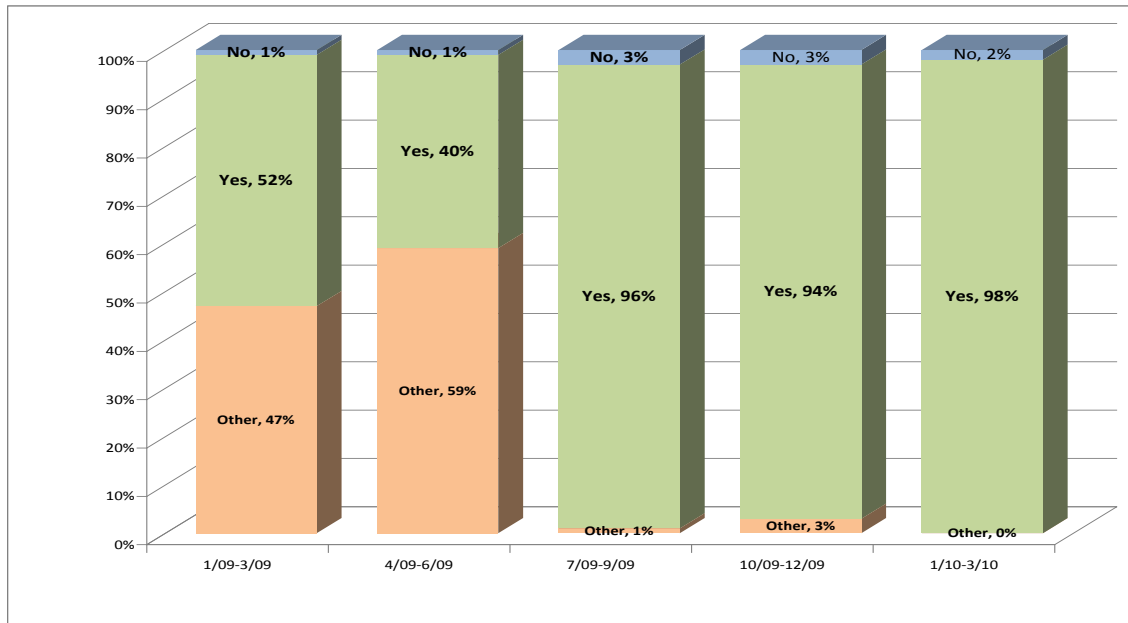
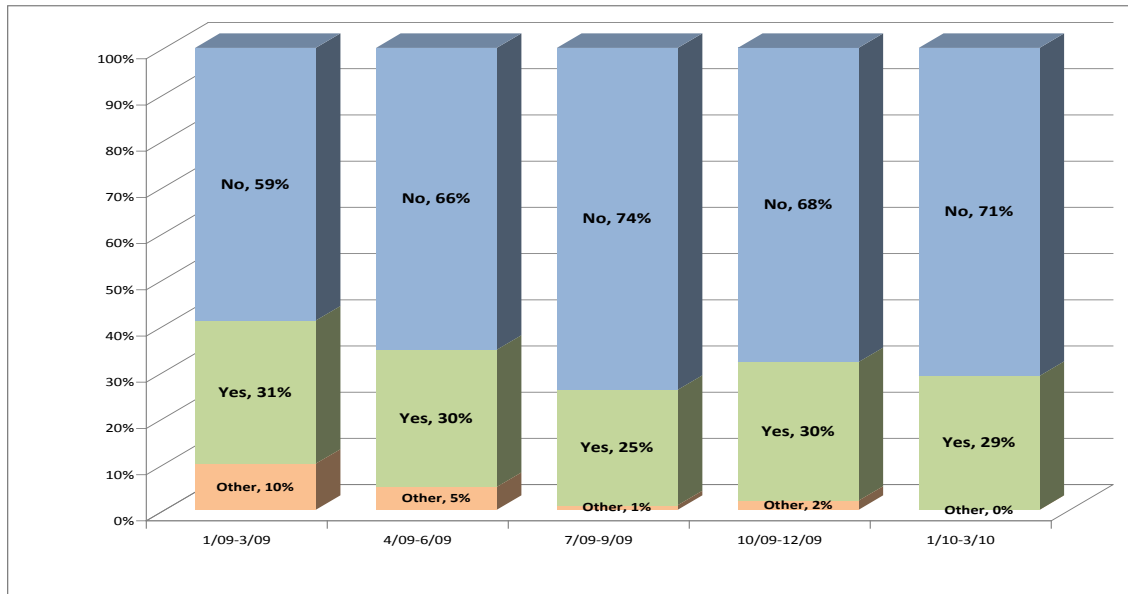


Figure 12: **Do you feel your stay successfully prepared you for the outside?**



GRIEVANCES

Figure 13: **Have you ever filed a grievance?**



JUVENILE ROLE MODELS

January – March 2010

Listed below are the names of ADJC staff that were identified by juveniles as role models. Names italicized were identified as role models by two juveniles while names in bold were identified by three or more juveniles.

Adobe Mountain	Adobe Mountain	Adobe Mountain
Amaechi, E.	Leyva, J.	Villareal, M.
Aringhead, A.	Lopez, M.	Walker, E.
Arizmendi, S.	Mathews, W.	William, H.
Banks, F.	McNulty, J.	Wind, K.
Benitez, N.	Miller, W.	Woods, D.
Bernal, D.	Monterroza, C.	Wright, J.
Biciolis, T.	<i>Palmer, K.</i>	Black Canyon
Blanton, L.	Perez, D.	Garcia, C.
<i>Bradley, D.</i>	Quinn, M.	Gomez, M.
Cao, D.	Rascon, J.	Guerrero, J.
Cassavaugh, M.	<i>Rhodes, C.</i>	Hughes, B.
Coles, M.	Riggs, A.	<i>McCall, C.</i>
Cowie, M.	Riley, L.	Ortiz, E.
Espinosa, J.	Rivera, E.	Orton, W.
<i>Fisher, G.</i>	Rogers, A.	Packard, K.
Gaitan, J.	Sajo, S.	<i>Potterf, T.</i>
Gallett, T.	Sanders, J.	Rascon, J.
<i>Garcia, A.</i>	Sells, C.	Sandoval, C.
Hall, J.	<i>Smith, E.</i>	<i>Starks, T.</i>
Hand, C.	Sultani, I.	Catalina Mountain
Hart, G.	<i>Sutter, S.</i>	<i>Cordova, A.</i>
Hodgson, J.	<i>Sweet, R.</i>	<i>Granillo, R.</i>
Johns, C.	Thompson, T.	Jerald, P.
<i>Jordan, Z.</i>	<i>Torres, J.</i>	Jericho, J.
Lee, B.	Trevino, R.	